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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1963

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REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
West Bridgford Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once more it is my privilege to present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Health Services of the District, compiled according to the instructions of the Minister of Health, this being for the year 1963.

The general health of the District has been good, with the usual slight variation in the numbers of Infectious Disease cases - e.g. notifications of Measles showed a slight increase, Scarlet Fever cases rose by 3 and there were 4 cases of Whooping-cough compared with none during 1962.

The population estimated by the Registrar General for mid-year 1963 was 27,090 compared with the actual Census figure for 1961 - 26,957.

The Infantile Mortality rate was down by one compared with 1962 and the causes are such as to suggest that death was inevitable. I am pleased to report that there was no Maternal death during the year.

The disease of Tuberculosis is still with us, although there was no increase in the number of new cases notified during 1963, the figure being 11 as in 1962. There is still no room for complacency and the necessary precautions must not be neglected.

In the Spring of 1963 we commenced the 4th dose of Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/Tetanus immunisation which is given to children between the ages of 18 and 21 months, and during the year approximately 159 children received this additional protection. The fact that the Vaccination/Immunisation state of the District is satisfactory shows that all concerned continue to work together to achieve this result.

The new County Clinic at No. 34, Millicent Road, West Bridgford, was opened during September and this has enabled us to centralise all Vaccination/Immunisation sessions in the District, with a consequent streamlining of administration.

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge the help and guidance that this Department has received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, and I have pleasure in paying tribute to the efficient work of the whole of the Staff of the Health Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Area of District	3,045 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	27,090
1961 Census	26,957
Number of Inhabited Houses	9,526
Rateable Value	£1,146,956
Product of Penny rate per annum (1963-1964)	£ 4,650

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births	453 (444)	216 (225)	237 (219)
Crude Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	16.72 (16.47)		
Adjusted Birth Rate.	16.22 (16.96)		

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths	354 (363)	176 (182)	178 (181)
Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.06 (13.47)		
Corrected Death Rate.	11.88 (11.44)		

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	8 (9)	6 (5)	2 (4)
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age (per 1,000 live births).	17.66 (20.27)		

There was no Maternal death during the year.

* The figures in brackets refer to those for the previous year - 1962.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population	27,090	(Registrar General Estimate for mid-year 1963)
	26,957	(Census 1961)

Births

Live	453	(Male 216,	Female 237)	
Still	8	(" 6	" 2)	
Total	461	(" 222	" 239)	

Illegitimate Births

Live	28	(Male 16,	Female 12)	
Still	2	(" 2	" 0)	
Percentage of total live births	6.18%			

Deaths	354	(Male 176,	Female 178)	
Total deaths under 1 year	8	(" 6	" 2)	
Illegitimate deaths under 1 year	1	(" 1	" 0)	
Total deaths under 4 weeks	5	(" 4	" 1)	
Illegitimate deaths under 4 weeks	1	(" 1	" 0)	
Total deaths under 1 week	5	(" 4	" 1)	
Maternal deaths	0	(" 0	" 0)	

Birth Rate

Crude Live Birth Rate	16.72 per 1,000 population.
Corrected Live Birth Rate	16.22 per 1,000 population.
Crude Still Birth Rate	17.35 per 1,000 total births.
Corrected Still Birth Rate	16.83 per 1,000 total births.

Death Rate

Crude Death Rate	13.06 per 1,000 population.
Corrected Death Rate	11.88 per 1,000 population.
Maternal Death Rate	00.00 per 1,000 live & still births.

Infantile Death Rate

Total Infantile Death Rate	17.66 per 1,000 live births.
Legitimate Death Rate	15.45 per 1,000 live births.
Illegitimate Death Rate	2.21 per 1,000 live births.
Neo-Natal Death Rate (under 4 weeks)	11.03 per 1,000 live births.
Early Neo-Natal Death Rate (under 1 week)	11.03 per 1,000 live births.
Perinatal Death Rate	28.2 per 1,000 live & still births.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES	West Bridgford U.D.	England and Wales
	Rate per 1,000 population	
Live Birth Rate	16.22	18.2
	Rate per 1,000 births	
Still Birth Rate	16.83	17.2
	Rate per 1,000 population	
Death Rate (all causes)	11.88	12.2
	Rate per 1,000 live births	
Infantile Death Rate (all causes under 1 year of age)	17.66	21.1
Neo-Natal Death Rate	11.03	14.2

Live Births				Deaths			
Year	Total Number	Rate per 1,000 pop.	England and Wales	Total Number	Crude Rate per 1,000 pop.	Corrected Rate	England and Wales
1945	319	14.5	16.1	265	12.1	-	11.4
1946	347	15.0	19.1	252	10.9	-	11.5
1947	368	15.6	20.5	295	12.5	-	12.0
1948	353	14.6	17.9	271	11.2	-	10.8
1949	328	13.4	16.7	325	13.3	11.0	11.7
1950	318	13.0	15.8	295	12.0	10.0	11.6
1951	332	13.4	15.5	335	13.5	11.1	12.5
*1952	300	12.9	15.3	291	12.5	10.25	11.3
1953	317	13.5	15.5	265	11.3	9.3	11.4
1954	344	15.07	15.2	304	12.81	10.5	11.3
1955	348	15.08	15.0	309	12.87	10.55	11.7
1956	367	15.58	15.6	295	12.06	10.49	11.7
1957	383	15.95	16.1	295	11.92	10.25	11.5
1958	393	16.14	16.4	325	12.96	11.14	11.7
1959	413	16.66	16.5	313	12.27	10.55	11.6
1960	442	17.53	17.1	303	11.66	10.14	11.5
1961	440	16.96	17.4	361	13.52	11.62	12.0
1962	444	16.96	18.0	363	13.47	11.44	11.9
1963	453	16.22	18.2	354	13.06	11.88	12.2

Infant Mortality			
Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	England and Wales	Population
1945	38	46	21,970
1946	17	43	23,110
1947	27	41	23,560
1948	28	34	24,190
1949	30	32	24,420
1950	22	30	24,600
1951	18	29.6	24,780
*1952	26.6	27.6	23,150
1953	18.9	26.8	23,430
1954	23.25	25.5	23,730
1955	11.49	24.9	23,990
1956	25.52	23.8	24,520
1957	18.27	23.1	24,750
1958	17.81	22.6	25,070
1959	16.94	22.2	25,510
1960	15.84	21.9	25,970
1961	18.18	21.6	26,700
1962	20.27	21.6	26,950
1963	17.66	21.1	27,090

* Alteration of Boundary.

The above Tables present for comparison some of the Vital Statistics of the District and of England and Wales for the past 19 years.

Population

The Registrar-General has supplied figures which show a further increase in population of 140 persons. The natural increase of live births over deaths is 99.

Births

The Births recorded in 1963 show a slight increase, being 453 compared with 444 in 1962. It will be noted from the previous Table that this compared favourably with the figure for the Country as a whole.

The Still Birth Rate (16.83) shows an increase, but it is still satisfactory when compared with the figures for the Country as a whole - i.e: 17.2

Deaths

There is a slight decrease in the Death Rate as compared with 1962. The actual number of Deaths is 354 as compared with 363 the previous year. This is a favourable comparison with the Corrected Death Rate for the Country as a whole - e.g: 11.88 to 12.2.

Infantile Mortality Rate

The Infantile Mortality Rate has decreased from 20.26 to 17.66 and the figure is below the National figure of 21.1.

There have been 8 deaths of infants during 1963 compared with 9 in the previous year. The following Table gives the causes, together with the age at death:

Cause of Death	Age	Number of Cases
Atelectasis	3 days	1
Atelectasis	9 hours	1
Prematurity	6 hours	1
Prematurity	7 hours	1
Prematurity (Cerebral Haemorrhage)	4 days	1
Broncho-Pneumonia	1 month	1
Intussuception	9 months	1
Acute Leukaemia	11 months	1
		8

Maternal Mortality Rate

There was no Maternal death during the year.

Causes of Deaths

The following List gives the causes of deaths amongst the residents of the District during 1963:-

Cause of Death	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis : Respiratory	1	0	1
Syphilitic Disease	1	0	1
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm : Stomach	6	2	8
Lung, Bronchus	10	3	13
Breast	1	9	10
Uterus	0	5	5
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	29	16	45
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1	2
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	25	28	53
Coronary Disease and Angina	24	19	43
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	6	7
Other Heart Disease	28	36	64
Other Circulatory Disease	9	13	22
Pneumonia	8	4	12
Bronchitis	8	9	17
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	1	3	4
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	0	2
Congenital Malformations	0	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	15	13	28
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	2	4
All Other Accidents	1	5	6
	176	178	354

Once again Heart and Circulatory Diseases are the commonest causes of death, Cancer being next and followed by Respiratory conditions.

The following Table compares the Death Rates of certain diseases in the District with those of England and Wales:

Cause of Death	West Bridgford Urban District	England and Wales
	Death Rate per 1,000 population	
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0.03 (0.00)	0.06
Diphtheria	0.00 (0.00)	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00 (0.00)	0.00
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	0.48 (0.70)	0.52
Influenza	0.00 (0.04)	0.07
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.00 (0.00)	0.00
Pneumonia	0.44 (0.63)	0.78
Coronary Disease and Angina	1.58 (1. 8)	2.29

The figures in brackets are for last year - 1962.

The following details of Deaths amongst residents in the District have been estimated:

Deaths between 70 and 80 years - 114 or 32% of all deaths
" " 80 and 90 years - 110 or 31% of all deaths
" 90 years and over - 16 or 4% of all deaths

The oldest person to die was a Male aged 98 years. From the above figures it will be seen that 67% of all deaths occurring in the District take place in residents over the age of 70. Below are tabulated further details about these Deaths:

	70 - 80 years.		80 - 90 years.		90 years & over.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
At Home	39	29	31	39	4	8
In Hospital	22	20	17	20	1	3
Others	1	3	2	1	0	0
	62	52	50	60	5	11

Notifiable Diseases

The health of the District during the year as seen by notifications of Infectious Diseases to this Department has maintained its usual high standard.

The following Table shows the incidence of Infectious Diseases together with that for the previous year and the rate per 1,000 population for the District:

Disease	No. of Cases		West Bridgford U.D. Case Rate per 1,000 Population	
Pueperal Pyrexia	0	(1)	0.00	(0.04)
Dysentery	4	(1)	0.15	(0.04)
Scarlet Fever	5	(2)	0.18	(0.07)
Whooping Cough	4	(0)	0.15	(0.00)
Diphtheria	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Measles	185	(124)	6.8	(4.6)
Acute Pneumonia	2	(6)	0.07	(0.22)
Acute Poliomyelitis:				
Non-Paralytic	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Paralytic	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Erysipelas	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Food Poisoning	1	(1)	0.03	(0.04)
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	(0)	0.03	(0.00)
Tuberculosis:				
Pulmonary	9	(10)	0.33	(0.37)
Non-Pulmonary	2	(1)	0.07	(0.04)

The figures in brackets refer to the incidence of these diseases in 1962.

Scarlet Fever

The figures for the year show a slight increase on 1962 - i.e. 5 to 2. The disease has again been mild in character, this being the case now for several years.

Whooping Cough

There have been 4 cases of this disease in 1963 as against 0 in 1962.

Measles

The figures for this infectious disease have increased compared with the previous year, the number of cases being 185 compared with 124 in 1962.

Acute Poliomyelitis

There have been no cases in West Bridgford during 1963.

Diphtheria

Once again there have been no cases in West Bridgford during 1963.

Food Poisoning

There has been one case notified during the year.

Enteric Fever

No cases of Enteric Fever have been notified in 1963.

Tuberculosis

Additions to the Register are 22 cases in 1963 compared with 31 in 1962. Of these additions 11 are fresh notifications and 11 have come to live in the District, i.e: "Transfer-In" cases.

There are thus:

Additions to the Register	-	22 cases.
Removals off the Register	-	46 cases.

The following Tables give details of age groups in both new cases and removals from the Register by Death:

Age Group	Tuberculosis in 1963 New Cases				Removals (Deaths)			
	Respy.		Non-Respy.		Respy.		Non-Respy.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-4 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15-24 years	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-34 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-69 years	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
70-80 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	3	1	1	1	-	-	-

46 cases have been removed from the Register and of these 27 cases have been been reported as "Recovered" by the Chest Physician, 16 have left the District, i.e: "Transfer-Out" cases, 1 has died and the remaining 2 were denotifications.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Facilities : Public Health Laboratory

The Public Health Laboratory, being the Laboratory for the Nottinghamshire Area under the Public Health Laboratory Service of the Medical Research Council, carries out the following examinations:

Milk:	Phosphatase Test, Methylene Blue Test, Bacteriological, etc.
Ice-Cream:	Methylene Blue Test, Grading, etc.
Food:	Bacteriological examination of Foodstuffs.
Water:	Bacteriology of Water.
Pathological Specimens:	Bacteriology and Pathology of Swabs, Sputa, etc.

The Laboratory carries out many functions, but those listed above are the main ones the Department is likely to require. The service is an excellent one and is available to the Medical profession.

City Analyst's Laboratory.

Similar examinations to those listed are carried out in respect of Milk, Ice-cream and Water. The Laboratory is also able to carry out chemical analysis of food. Mr. E.R.W. Fogden, B.Sc., F.R.I.C., is the official Analyst for the purpose of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Ambulance Service.

The Nottinghamshire County Council maintain a service of Ambulances at Rectory Road, West Bridgford and an Ambulance may be obtained for necessitous cases by contacting the Nottinghamshire County Council Ambulance Control, Telephone Number - Nottingham 55939.

Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

These services are provided by the Nottinghamshire County Council. The following Clinics are available in the District:

Millicent Road

Child Welfare Clinic

Tuesday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

A Medical Officer attends each week.

Musters Road Clinic (Baptist Church, Melton Road)

Child Welfare Clinic

Monday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Thursday morning - 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Your Medical Officer attends on Monday afternoons.

Ante-Natal Clinic (and Post-Natal Clinic)

Thursday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

A Medical Officer attends.

Alford Road Clinic (St. Luke's Church Hall)

Child Welfare Clinic

Wednesday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Your Medical Officer attends alternate weeks.

Ante-Natal Clinic (and Post-Natal Clinic)

Alternate Tuesday afternoons - 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

A Medical Officer attends each Clinic.

Boundary Road Clinic (St. Paul's Church Hall)

Child Welfare Clinic

Friday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Your Medical Officer attends each week. (as from 10th July, 1964, he will attend alternate weeks only.)

Speech Therapy Clinic.

This service is administered by the Nottinghamshire County Council and appointments are made by the School Health Service.

Midwifery Service.

in 1963 the Nottinghamshire County Council provided the following four Midwives in the District:

Nurse D. Otterson	-	19, Luttrell Way, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 23-2140.
Nurse S. M. Warrington	-	180, Eltham Road, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 83867.
Nurse E. L. Ibbotson	-	59, Julian Road, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 84496.
Nurse P. Mitchell	-	Flat 1, 25, William Road, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 82539.

Nursing in the Home.

District Nurses are provided by the District Nursing Association for the West Bridgford District and supervised by the Nottinghamshire County Council. Nurses are available at the following addresses:

Miss S. A. Bloss	-	16, Abbey Circus, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 82033.
Mrs. L. D. Brown	-	138, Wilford Lane, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 89687.
Mrs. M. H. Humphrey	-	2, Sherborne Road, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 23-3229.
Mrs. A. M. Taggart	-	4a, Mabel Grove, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 84735.

Care of Premature Babies.

The care of premature babies is undertaken by the Nottinghamshire County Council. The Paediatric Consultant, Dr. Blandy, is available for consultation in these cases, his services having been made possible on a part-time basis by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

Paediatric Consultations.

The services of Dr. Blandy referred to in the previous paragraph are available for all children up to school leaving age. A clinic is arranged by the Local Health Authority and cases are referred to it on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer.

The County Council maintain a Consultant Clinic in Clarendon Street, Nottingham.

Ophthalmic Consultations.

The services of a Consultant Opththalmologist are made available to all children up to school leaving age. Appointments are made after reference to a County Medical Officer. The services of this Consultant are provided on a part-time basis by the Regional Hospital Board. The premises are at the Central Clinic, Clarendon Street, Nottingham.

Dental Services.

The County Council maintain a Dental Clinic at No. 34, Millicent Road, West Bridgford, for the dental care of children and ante-natal and nursing mothers. All treatment is provided free, including the provision of dentures if required.

Care of Unmarried Mothers, etc.

This work is supervised and administered by the Nottinghamshire County Council, who have an Almoner Service for this purpose.

Day Nursery.

The Local Health Authority maintain a Day Nursery with 25 places for babies and toddlers at No. 68, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford.

School Health Service.

This service is administered by the Nottinghamshire County Education Authority. Clinic facilities are available as below:-

School Clinic - No. 34, Millicent Road.

Tuesday morning - 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Your Medical Officer is in attendance.

When necessary, cases are referred for a Consultant opinion, always with the consent of the patient's private Medical Practitioner.

Vaccination and Immunisation Service.

This is administered by the West Bridgford Urban District Council on an Agency basis for the Local Health Authority. The following Tables and figures represent the year's work, including the cases dealt with by General Practitioner Service:-

Smallpox Vaccination:

	Under 1 year	1 year old	2 - 4 yrs.	5-14 Yrs.	15 yrs. & over.	Total.
Primary Vaccination	64 (258)	80 (60)	3 (93)	7 (318)	1 (696)	155 (1,425)
Re-Vaccinations	- (-)	- (3)	2 (47)	2 (401)	12 (1,530)	16 (1,981)

The figures in brackets are those for 1962.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

This scheme has continued in 1963, when some 37 children and 6 adults received two injections of Salk Vaccine, 60 children and adults also received a third injection and 116 children and adults received one dose of Oral Vaccine, thus completing the Primary course.

In addition to the above, 313 children and 39 adults received a complete course of 3 doses of Oral Vaccine, 10 children received 4th (Booster) injections of Salk Vaccine and 263 received a Booster dose of Oral Vaccine.

Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/Tetanus Immunisation:

The following figures represent the total number of children protected against Diphtheria/Whooping-cough and Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/Tetanus up to the end of the year:

	Primary		Boosters	
	Diphth/Wh.Cgh/ Tetanus	Diphtheria/ Wh.Cgh.	Diphth/Wh.Cgh/ Tetanus	Diphtheria/ Wh.Cgh.
1st Quarter	80	1	9	31
2nd Quarter	78	2	40	36
3rd Quarter	92	3	84	42
4th Quarter	96	1	91	60
	346	7	224	169

The Immunisation state remains satisfactory and all General Tractitioners and Health Visitors continue to make every effort to obtain the full protection of children before they reach the age of 2 years.

B.C.G. Vaccination:

This is a most valuable weapon against Tuberculosis and, I believe, will be one of the major factors in the ultimate eradication of this grievous disease.

The scheme continues to function smoothly with a high degree of co-operation from the Headmasters and Staffs of the various Schools.

The following Table shows the total number of children protected against Tuberculosis during the year. This includes those who showed a "positive" re-action - i.e., who had at some time in their lives come into contact with the bacillus of Tuberculosis and therefore were unsuitable for vaccination, and who were referred to the Nottingham Chest Centre for X-ray to determine the actual damage, if any, done to the lungs:

Total Number Skin-tested			132
Positives		10	
Number Vaccinated	118		
Skin-tested but not vaccinated	4	122	
		132	

Home Help Service.

The Local Health Authority provide a Home Help Service and assistance can be obtained for necessitous cases on request from the County Medical Officer. The service covers the following types of cases:

(1) Maternity Cases.
(2) Mothers of young children (when requested by a Medical Practitioner)
(3) Cases of illness when no other help is available.
(4) The aged and infirm.

No nursing assistance can be given as this is not the duty of the service, which caters for housework and the preparation of simple meals, etc.

The cost of a Home Help for a full 42-hour week may be considerable, but this is examined by the Local Health Authority and, in necessitous cases, either part or the whole cost may be remitted.

This is a very valuable service to the community and leads to considerable saving in hospital beds, accommodation for old persons, etc., also constituting a considerable financial saving to the country.

There is much scope for the growth of this Service, which unfortunately is still handicapped through shortage of workers, the demand exceeding the supply all the time.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47 : National Assistance Amendment Act, 1951, Section 1.

No action was taken under these Sections of the Acts during the year under review.

On 26th September, 1963, the District Welfare and Mental Health Service were separated in order to provide greater efficiency and better service to the public.

The Social Welfare Officer is:

Mr. K.H. Parsons, 9, Musters Road, West Bridgford.
Tel.No. - Nottingham 82131.

The Mental Welfare Officer is:

Mr. H. Andrews, New Crown Buildings, Station Road, Beeston.
Tel.No. - Nottingham 25-4014.
(Messages may be left at 9, Musters Road on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 11 a.m. to 12 noon.)

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supplies.

The whole of the District is supplied with water from the Nottingham Corporation Water Department, with the exception of two houses which obtain their supplies from a shallow well.

The water supply is satisfactory in quantity and quality and has no plumbo-solvent action.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The contract for the provision of new outfall sewers, pumping stations and rising main has proceeded during 1963 and although constructional work was delayed during the Winter, due to the severe frost, it is anticipated that the old sewage disposal works at Abbey Road will finally be abandoned by mid-1964.

When the new scheme comes into operation up to 3 x d.w.f. will be pumped to the Nottingham Corporation disposal works at Stoke Bardolph, 3 to 6 d.w.f. will be treated in storm water tanks near the present disposal site at Abbey Road.

The contract works also include the replacement of lengths of old and unsatisfactory foul sewers.

Public Cleansing.

The removal of household waste is dealt with by the Surveyor's Department. Disposal is by means of controlled tipping. This work is well maintained and the reclamation of the land by the controlled tipping will be a valuable asset to the District.

Smoke Abatement.

This subject is dealt with in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1963.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
West Bridgford Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1963.

The following is a list of the inspections and re-inspections made during the year:-

	Inspections.	Re-Inspections.
Notifiable Diseases	67	-
Sanitary Defects	126	367
Housing Defects	72	313
Dirty Houses	2	-
Dustbins	35	29
Shops	45	-
Factories (with power)	61	-
Factories (without power)	24	-
Bakehouses	32	-
Smoke Observations and Visits	1	1
Drainage Defects	277	174
Water Supply	4	-
Refuse Accumulations	16	22
Refuse Tip	1	-
Cafes	41	-
Rats and Mice	32	83
Insect Infestations	17	3
Miscellaneous Visits	455	-
Petroleum Installations	67	-
Owners etc. Interviewed	30	-
Food Inspections	27	-
Meat Shops	245	-
General Provision Shops	252	-
Fruit & Vegetable Shops	121	-
Fish Shops	32	-
Fried Fish Shops	17	-
Ice-cream Premises & Sweetshops	54	-
Dairies	1	-
	2,154	992

COMPLAINTS

During the year the following 433 complaints were received and dealt with:

General Defects	105
Drainage Defects	286
Dustbins	20
Smoke	2
Offensive Odours	9
Refuse Accumulations	5
Water Supply	4
Noise	2
	433

RODENT CONTROL

During the year 206 complaints of infestations were received and dealt with, the operator making 1,554 visits and 2,875 surveys of individual properties other than those complained of and 112 rat bodies and 110 mouse bodies were recovered.

On premises where "gassing" was carried out and "spoon baiting" of runs etc., it was not possible to recover all the bodies so that the total number of rodents destroyed will be in excess of the above figures.

In addition 33 wasps nests were destroyed.

HOUSING

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 512

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 512

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations ..... Nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... Nil

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..... Nil

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 114

Remedy of Defects during the Year without the service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 122

HOUSING (continued)

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs ..... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:

(a) By Owners ..... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ..... Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:

(a) By Owners 2

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ..... Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16 - 32 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil

(2)(a) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... Nil

(b) Houses demolished following Undertaking by Owners not to re-let ..... Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 36 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(a) Number of Notices served ..... Nil

(b) Number of Notices complied with ..... Nil

Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV :

Abatement of Overcrowding:

Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the Year ..... Not known

Number of new houses erected during the Year:

(a) By the Local Authority ..... Nil

(b) By Private enterprise 129

Number of houses improved with the aid of Grant 17

RENT ACT, 1957.

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1)	No. of applications for certificates	Nil
(2)	No. of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(3)	No. of decisions to issue certificates:	
	(a) In respect of some but not all defects	Nil
	(b) In respect of all defects	Nil
(4)	No. of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(5)	No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(6)	No. of certificates issued	Nil

Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7)	Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	Nil
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	Nil
(9)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection	Nil
(10)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	Nil

AIR POLLUTION

The Council maintain a Volumetric Smoke Apparatus in the Health Department offices for the measurement of atmospheric pollution by smoke and sulphur dioxide.

A pilot scheme for smoke control was started in the Wilford Hill area of the district, covering approximately 321 acres containing 763 dwellings, 3 schools, 1 church and 3 commercial premises.

Unfortunately, after the area had been inspected the Government issued a White Paper on Domestic Fuel Supplies and the Clean Air Policy. As a result of which it appeared that a change in policy in the arrangements for the setting up of Smoke Control Areas was imminent and that the new Housing Bill, if passed, would alter the meaning of "new dwellings" as defined in the Clean Air Act, enabling more of the houses in the pilot scheme to become eligible for grant. As a result of this change in policy the Council decided to defer any further action in relation to this scheme until after the passing of the Housing Bill.

During the year the Wilford Brick Company Ltd., have installed an automatic stoker to the boilers in their works, resulting in an almost complete elimination of smoke emission from the works' chimney.

MILK

Licences for the distribution of milk are now issued by the County Council who are also the sampling authority. Results of such sampling are given in the extract from the Report of the Chief Weights & Measures Inspector at the end of this Report.

ICE-CREAM

There are now no local manufacturers of ice-cream, all supplies coming from outside the area. Checks are made on retailers' premises at frequent intervals. Eight samples of ice-cream were taken during the year and were placed in Grade I by the Analyst.

FOOD

The food shops in the district are quite satisfactory. No slaughtering takes place within this distrct, fresh meat being obtained mainly from the Nottingham abattoir where it is inspected by the City Public Health Inspectors. Regular visits are paid to cafes and other food preparing premises and advice and instruction are given where necessary.

(1) The following is a list of the number of food premises by type in the area:-

Grocers	31
Grocers with Off-Licences	6
Grocers with Greengrocery	19
Greengrocers	15
Greengrocers with Wet Fish	2
Greengrocer and Butcher	2
Wholesale Greengrocer	1
Wholesale Potato Merchant	1
Wet Fish	2
Fish & Chip Friers and Wet Fish	1
Fish & Chip Friers	3
Butchers	15
Bread & Confectionery	1
Bakers & Confectioners with Shops	2
Wholesale Bakers & Confectioners	3
Restaurants and Cafes	7
Licensed Premises	4
Licensed Premises serving Meals	3
Off Licences	4
Licensed Private Clubs	13
Sweets and Ice-Cream	20
Wholesale Provisions	2
Multiple Self-service Food Stores	3
Private Hotels	6
Transport Drivers Accommodation	3
Dance Halls	1
Other Public Halls	2
Works Canteens	3
School Kitchens	8

(2) Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955:-

(a) For sale of Ice-cream	-	84
(b) Food preparing premises	-	14

The number of inspections of these premises is included in the list of inspections given earlier in this Report.

(3) Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949/1954	-	2

(4) Condemned Foods :

2lbs. 13 ozs. of tinned meat products and 143 lbs. of other tinned goods were condemned by the Public Health Inspectors and surrendered for destruction by the Owners.

In addition a quantity of frozen foods found in a frozen food cabinet which had broken down due to an electrical fault was surrendered for destruction.

(5) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

These Regulations were designed to prevent the contamination of food during its preparation, storage, sale and delivery and all food premises have been inspected in an endeavour to secure compliance with the Regulations.

Warnings were given for minor contraventions of the Regulations.

No legal proceedings were taken under these Regulations during the year.

RAG FLOCK ACT.

One factory in the district is registered under the above Act for the storage of Rag Flock.

I wish to express to the Council my gratitude and thanks for their help and support and also to the Medical Officer of Health, the Health Department Staff and my colleagues in other Departments, my sincere thanks for their co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Public Health Inspector.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Nottinghamshire County Council, has submitted his Annual Report on samples taken in West Bridgford during 1963. This shows that the following articles were sampled and with the four exceptions noted below all were genuine:

Anchovy Essence		Margarine	
Apples		Mayonnaise	2 samples
Asparagus (canned)		Milk	32 samples
Aspirin		Milk (condensed)	
Barley Sugar		Milk of Magnesia	
Beef Dripping		Mushroom Soup	
Beer	*	Oranges	
Blancmange Powder		Orange Squash	
Breakfast Cereal		Parsley Sauce Mix	
Butter		Plum Pudding	
Beetroot in Vinegar		Pears	
Black Beer		Peeled Shrimps	
Cake		Pork Pie	
Carraway Seeds		Pork Dripping	
Chocolate Drink		Pork Luncheon Meat	
Clover Honey		Potted Beef Paste	
Coffee with Milk		Prunes	
Cream	2 samples	Raising Powder	
Cream of Tomato Soup	*	Sausage	2 samples
Corn on Cob (canned)		Sausage in brine	
Fish Cakes		Steak & Kidney Pie	*
Gin	3 samples	Stewed Beef Steak	*
Ginger Beer		Sweets	3 samples
Ice-cream	2 samples	Swiss Roll	
Ice Lolly Syrup		Table Jelly	
Indigestion Tablets		Tomatoes	2 samples
Jam		Whisky	3 samples
Macaroni Pudding			

Total : 97 Samples

* Of the above Samples :

The sample of Beer contained particles of vegetable fibre. The matter was taken up with the Bottlers.

The sample of Cream of Tomato Soup was deficient in fat and the Manufacturers were cautioned.

The sample of Steak & Kidney Pie was deficient in Meat. The Manufacturer was cautioned.

The sample of Stewed Beef Steak was deficient in meat and the Manufacturer was cautioned.

In addition, 82 Pasteurised and 2 Sterilised milks were sampled. All of these passed the prescribed tests.

48 Milk Bottles were bacteriologically examined and found to be satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of the provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	69	78	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	25	27	-	-
TOTAL	102	117	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	-	1	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-

PART VII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in list required by Section 110 (1) (c).
Wearing Apparel, Making etc.	27
" " Cleaning & Washing	1
Lace, Lace Curtains, & Nets.	6
Nets, other than Wire Nets.	1
Paper Bags.	1
TOTAL	36